

PATENT
B208-923 DIV I

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroto Okawara
Serial No.: Unassigned (Parent 08/982,160
filed 12/1/97)
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS
Filed: April 9, 2001
Examiner: Unassigned (Parent - L. Nguyen)
Art Unit: Unassigned (Parent - 2612)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified divisional application as set forth below prior to examination thereof.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, after line 1, insert the following:

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Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/982,160, filed December 1, 1997 (now pending).

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-14, 20-25 and 31-36.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 20-25 and 31-36 have been canceled. Claims 15-19, 26-30 and 37-40 remain for examination purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John J. Torrente". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Torrente" clearly legible.

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